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TITLE OF INVENTION <b>FACILITY CONTROL COMPONENT OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM</b>			
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**FACILITY CONTROL COMPONENT OF A COMPUTER SYSTEM**

Processor platforms in a computer system, for example a multi-computer system, must communicate with one another. This ensues with communication channels via which SW applications exchange messages with one another. Due to different HW/SW functionalities of the processor platforms in a system, different communication channels of the processor among one another are also required.

So that the inter-processor communication SW (abbreviated as IPK-SW) has knowledge about the available channels in the system, these (during operation and/or during the system run-up) are deposited in a data base (distributed or non-distributed) of which a copy is stored on magnetic disc. The establishment of these networking data ensues implicitly via a corresponding command (for example create...) to the administration SW for establishing an additional processor platform, i.e. the operator need not administer the communication relationships of the processor platforms.

The processor networking in the system has hitherto been rigidly defined. That part of the administration SW that administers the communication channels between the processors in the data base (this part can, for example, be referred to as facility control SW or facility control component) is implemented such that, given establishment of a new processor, it generates precisely the networking rigidly prescribed for this processor type, i.e. rigidly prescribed for a processor type in the code of the facility SW. However, the maximum system expansion (maximum plurality of processors) for all processor types is thus also determined in advanced on the basis of the fixed channel networking. All modifications of the processor networking (new types of processors, new communication channels between processors or modifications of the type of a channel) require modifications in the facility control SW that is responsible for the establishment of the channels in the data base. The resulting modification outlay is substantial.

The invention is based on the object of specifying a facility control component that avoids said disadvantages.

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This object is achieved by a facility control component according to claim

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Advantages of the inventive solution:

- The maximum system expansion is no longer fixed
- The channel networking is not statically defined and, thus, neither is the maximum system expansion.
- The administration SW is now independent of the network topology.

All modifications of the processor networkings (new types of processors, new communication channels between processors) now no longer require any modifications of that part of the administration SW that is responsible for the establishment of the channels in the data base.

An exemplary embodiment of the invention is explained in greater detail below on the basis of the drawing, whereby the drawing comprises two Figures.

FIG. 1 shows an exemplary table with reference whereto the SW controls the establishment of a system component (for example, processor platform) in view of the channel networking.

FIG. 2 shows an exemplary channel networking that must be produced when establishing a new system component of the type C.

A master processor contains the administration SW and the static table. In FIG. 2, those channels that serve the master processor for distribution of the DB (or parts of the DB) onto the other processors (load channels) are not shown. These channels are not contained in the static table of FIG. 1 and are automatically setup upon initial system runup.

- (1) At the design time: definition of formal criteria dependent on
  - a) processor type: (the processor type serves for distinguishing between different processor platforms with different HW and/or SW functionalities)
  - b) channel type: (the channel type serves for distinguishing between various transmission characteristics: for example, bandwidth and different employment resulting therefrom (for example, high band widths for loading code and data, low, medium bandwidth but burst-like traffic for

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(2) At the design time: statistical declaration of the networking of

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(3) At the compilation/and linking time of the system program system

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(4) At the run time: simply processing the table: this procedure is

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In the exemplary table of FIG. 1, the lines printed in bold face are

channels shown with broken lines. In order to find the entry into the table, the administration SW of the processor 1 is handed the information about the type of processor platform to be established, "Type C" here, via the command "create processor (Type C)". The administration SW now additionally observes that line of the table wherein the Type C occurs for the first time in the first column. The line instruction SW to establish a channel of the type 4 for a processor of the Type B that has already been established. Subsequently, the SW determines the processor or processors of the Type B already established on the basis of the configuration data already present in the DB, namely processor 2 and processor 5 in this case, and stores corresponding networking data in the DB on the basis of the particulars in the Table line (working the networking data into the DB). Subsequently, the SW considers the next line and processes this line according to the same strategy.

After said working-in, the administration SW instructs the DB management system to distribute said networking data onto the DBs of the remaining platforms (processors) of the system. Finally, the administration SW triggers the IPK-SW of a platform, which subsequently reads the networking data relevant for the platform from the DB and initiates the settings (for example, channel bandwidth, channel identifier, channel employment) on the platform that are required for the networking data.

When a new platform (not a new platform type!) is established with new channels during operation, thus, the networking description data are first introduced into the DB, are then distributed onto the participating platforms, and the IPK-SW receives a trigger message thereat that a new platform was established and to undertake the required settings thereat.

Upon initial run-up and differing from the example that has been explained, the entire table of FIG. 1 is processed.

It derives from what has been said that the SW that implements the working of the networking data into the DB is independent of the type of processor platform or, respectively, of the type of channel that is to be established. The entire working-in procedure is thus exclusively table-controlled.

## Abbreviations Employed:

DB: Database

HW: Hardware

IPK-SW: Interprocessor communication SW

5 SW: Software

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**PATENT CLAIMS**

1. Facility control component of a computer system that controls the establishment of a system component (for example, processor platform) of the computer system, in that it
- 5 a) first takes the information from a facility table regarding what communication channel type for the system components is to be established for which system component type;
- b) then determines the system components of said type present in the current system;
- 10 c) then, on the basis of said channel type, generates facility data with reference whereto said system components and the identified system components implement the establishment of said channel type.
2. Facility control component according to claim 1, characterized in that the facility component controls the establishment of a system component in the
- 15 run-up and/or during operation of the computer system.
3. Facility control component according to one of the claims 1 or 2, characterized in that the facility table has been generated offline.
4. Facility control component according to one of the claims 1
- 20 through 3, characterized in that the system component is a matter of processor platforms.
5. Facility control component of a computer system that controls the establishment of a system component (for example, processor platform), comprising a facility table from which the facility component takes the information regarding
- 25 which communication channel type or types are to be established for which system component type to be established at which system component type or, respectively, at which system component types.



6. Facility control component of a computer system that controls the establishment of a system component (for example, processor platform), comprising a facility table according to which the facility component controls the establishment of communication channels between the system component to be established (for example, processor platform) and the remaining system components, whereby the facility table

a) contains a first column that indicates possible types of system components that can be established,

b) contains a second column that indicates the system component types for which a system component type from the first column can have a communication relationship,

c) contains a third column that indicates the type of communication channel that is to be established between the system component types of the first and second column.

7. Method for controlling the establishment of communication channels for a system component of a computer system, in accord wherewith

a) the information regarding which communication channel type is to be established for the system component for which system component type is first taken from a facility table;

b) the system components of said type existing in the current system are then identified;

c) establishment data are then generated on the basis of said channel type, said system component and the identified system components implementing the establishment of said channel type with reference thereto.

8. Method for generating a facility table with whose assistance the establishment of communication channels between system components (processors) of a computer system is controlled, in accord wherewith

a) at the design time, a static declaration of the type of networking of system components is implemented, in that a declaration is made as to what

system component type to be established which communication channel type or types are to be established for which system component type;

- b) a facility table is produced at the system building time on the basis of said static declaration.

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**ABSTRACT****Facility Control Component Of A Computer System**

Hereto, all modifications of communication channels between processors of a computer system require changes in the facility control SW that is responsible for establishing the channels. According to the invention, the communication channels of the processor platforms are now defined at the design time independently of the extent of the system expansion and are interpreted and corresponding established by the facility SW at the run time.

FIG. 2

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PROCESSOR TYPE PROCESSOR TYPE CHANNEL TYPE

(PROCESSOR TO BE  
SETUP)

Prozessortyp 1 (einzurichtender Prozessor)	Prozessortyp 2	Kanaltyp
TYPE Typ A	TYPE Typ B	1
TYPE Typ A	TYPE Typ A	2
TYPE Typ B	TYPE Typ A	1
TYPE Typ B	TYPE Typ C	3
TYPE Typ C	TYPE Typ B	3
TYPE Typ C	TYPE Typ B	4
TYPE Typ C	TYPE Typ C	1
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FIG 1

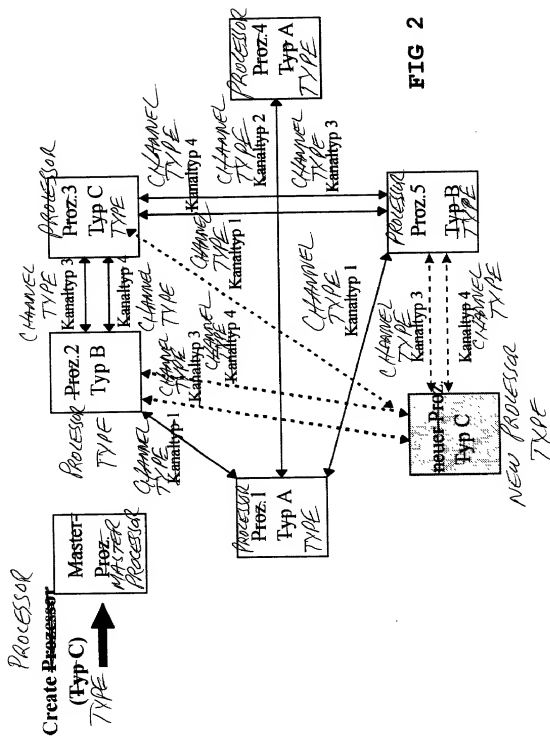


FIG 2

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Sir:

Please amend Figures 1 and 2 as indicated in red  
on the attached drawing copies.

Respectfully submitted,

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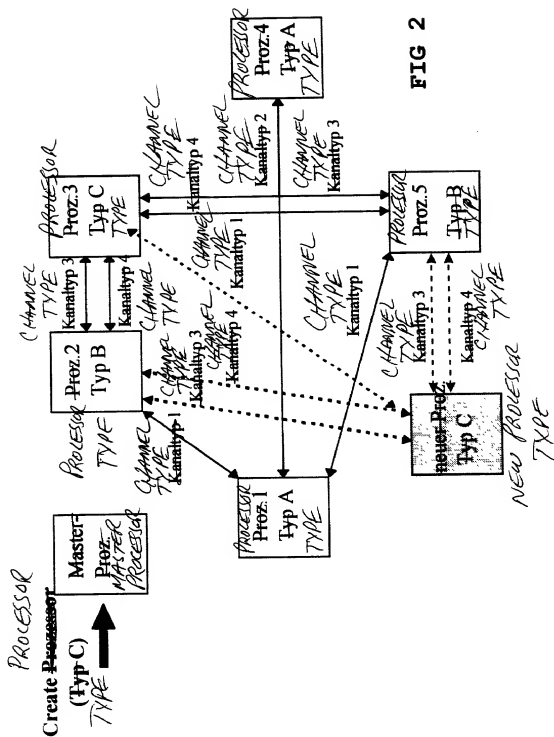
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PROCESSOR TYPE PROCESSOR TYPE CHANNEL TYPE

Prozessortyp 1 (einzelrichtender Prozessor)	Prozessortyp 2	Kanaltyp
TYPE Typ A	TYPE Typ B	1
TYPE Typ A	TYPE Typ A	2
TYPE Typ B	TYPE Typ A	1
TYPE Typ B	TYPE Typ C	3
TYPE Typ C	TYPE Typ B	3
TYPE Typ C	TYPE Typ B	4
TYPE Typ C	TYPE Typ C	1
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(PROCESSOR TO BE  
SETUP)

FIG 1





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As a Preliminary Amendment for entry into the  
National Stage for the above-identified PCT application,  
the following is submitted:

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the drawings as indicated in the  
attached Drawing Correction Letter.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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On page 1, before the title, insert

--S P E C I F I C A T I O N

TITLE--

after the title, as a separate line, insert

5           --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, at line 3, delete "ensues" and  
substitute --occurs--.

On page 1, at line 11, delete "ensues" and  
substitute --occurs--.

10          On page 1, at line 17, after "as" insert --a--.

On page 1, at line 18, before "facility" insert  
--a--.

On page 1, at line 22, delete "advanced" and  
substitute --advance--.

15          On page 1, at line 27, delete "outlay" and  
substitute --expense--.

On page 1, before line 28, insert the following  
title:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

20          On page 1, delete lines 28-29, and substitute  
--It is an object of the invention to specify a facility  
control component that avoids the above-indicated  
disadvantages.--.

25          On page 2, delete lines 1 and 2, and substitute the  
following:

--According to the method and system of the  
invention for controlling establishment of communication  
channels for a system component of a computer system,  
information regarding which communication channel type

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is to be established for the system component for which system component type is first taken from a facility table. The system components of said type existing in the current system are then identified. Establishment data are then generated on the basis of the channel type, said system component and the identified system components implementing the establishment of the channel type with reference thereto.--

On page 2, at line 13, delete "drawing" (first occurrence) and substitute --drawings--, in the same line, delete "drawing comprises" and substitute --drawings comprise--.

On page 2, at line 16, delete "." after "networking" and substitute --; and--.

On page 2, before line 14, insert the following heading:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

On page 2, at line 16, delete "." after "networking" and substitute --; and--.

On page 2, before line 19, insert the following heading:

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

On page 3, at line 9, delete "ensues" and substitute --occurs--.

On page 3, at line 12, delete "said" and substitute --the--.

On page 4, at lines 13 and 14, delete "said".

On page 4, at aline 21, delete "," after "thus".

On page 5, as the last paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

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5       --Although various minor changes and modifications  
might be proposed by those skilled in the art, it will  
be understood that our wish is to include within the  
claims of the patent warranted hereon all such changes  
and modifications as reasonably come within our  
contribution to the art.--

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

10       Delete "Abstract" and substitute --**ABSTRACT OF THE**  
**DISCLOSURE**--.

Delete line 2.

At line 3, delete "Hereto" and substitute  
--Previously--.

15       At line 4, delete "require" and substitute  
--required--.

At line 5, delete "According to the invention" and  
substitute --With the disclosed system,--.

Delete line 9.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

20       On page 10 of the claims, delete "PATENT CLAIMS"  
and substitute --**WE CLAIM AS OUR INVENTION**--.

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Please substitute claims 9-17 as follows:

25       9. A facility control component of a computer  
system that controls establishment of a system component  
of the computer system, comprising:

means for first taking information from a facility table regarding what communication channel type for the system components is to be established for which system component type;

5 means for determining system components of said type present in the system; and

means for generating facility data with reference to which said system components and the identified system components implement establishment of said channel type.

10 10. The facility control component according to claim 9 wherein the facility component controls the establishment of a system component in at least one of the run-up and during operation of the computer system.

15 11. The facility control component according to claim 9 wherein the facility table has been generated offline.

20 12. The facility control component according to claim 9 wherein the system component comprises processor platform.

13. A facility control component of a computer system that controls establishment of a system component, comprising:

25 a facility table from which the facility component takes information regarding which communication channel type or types are to be established for which system

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component type to be established at which system component type or at which system component types.

14. A facility control component of a computer system that controls establishment of a system component comprising:

a facility table according to which the facility component controls establishment of communication channels between the system component to be established and remaining system components; and

the facility table having

a first column that indicates possible types of system components that can be established,

a second column that indicates the system component types for which a system component type from the first column can have a communication relationship, and

a third column that indicates the type of communication channel that is to be established between the system component types of the first and second column.

15. A method for controlling establishment of communication channels for a system component of a computer system, comprising the steps of:

taking from a facility table information regarding which communication channel type is to be established for the system component for which system component type;

identifying the system components of said type existing in the current system; and

then generating establishment data on the basis of said channel type, said system component and the  
5 identified system components implementing establishment of said channel type with reference thereto.

16. A method for generating a facility table with assistance of which establishment of communication channels between system components of a computer system  
10 is controlled comprising the steps of:

at a design time, implementing a static declaration of a type of networking of system components wherein a declaration is made as to what system component type is to be established and which communication channel type  
15 or types are to be established for which system component type; and

producing a facility table at system building time based on said static declaration.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the system  
20 components comprise processors.

#### REMARKS

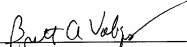
The specification, abstract, and drawings have been amended in accordance with U.S. practice, and for  
25 improved readability and clarity.

New claims based on the PCT claims, but drawn in accordance with U. S. practice are presented herewith.

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An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

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Ich erkenne meine Pflicht zur Offenbarung irgendwelcher Informationen, die für die Prüfung der vorliegenden Anmeldung in Einklang mit Absatz 37, Bundesgesetzbuch, Paragraph 1.56(a) von Wichtigkeit sind, an.

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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